

## CHAPTER 14

### FUEL ALLOCATION PROCEDURES

#### A. POLICY

1. The Joint Materiel Priorities and Allocation Board (**JMPAB**) acts for the Joint Chiefs of Staff (**JCS**) in fuel allocation matters.

2. Fuel shortages may require allocation decisions by **JMPAB** if **DFSC** and the **Military Services/CINCs** cannot agree on **fuel** distribution during tight fuel availability situations.

3. The Joint **Staff** developed and **USD(A&T)** approved planning factors regarding days of supply (**DOS**) in support of war reserve **fuels** are considered valid.

#### B. GENERAL

1. Until or unless a specific request for **JMPAB** fuel allocation action is received from a Military Service or command, **DFSC** shall continue to distribute available fuel according to established supply management procedures. These procedures are **shaped/tempered** by customer demand, quantities, and sources on existing **fuel** contracts, peacetime and war reserve **stockage** levels, knowledge of anticipated contract coverage for specific areas, and negotiations with the Military Service/CINC staffs.

2. Communication between **DFSC** and its customers must continue whenever quantities to be shipped are less than those requested by the customers. **DFSC** shall keep the customers **fully** informed regarding the reasons behind less-than-requested fuel shipments or cargo diversions, as well as anticipated get-well dates, if known. **DFSC** shall provide information on the overall fuel situation, extent of contract coverage, and efforts underway to overcome deficiencies.

3. The purpose of **JMPAB** is to act on "... matters referred to the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, relating to the establishment of materiel priorities and the allocation resources" (**JMPAB** Charter). NOTE: Requests for **JMPAB** allocation actions will be made only under extreme situations, when it is anticipated that **DFSC** fuel distribution planning/actions will result in ultimate supply failure or in unacceptable degradation of war-time sustainability (war reserve drawdown).

4. It is neither practical nor desirable for **JMPAB** to automatically assume **complete** allocation responsibility for defense **fuels** when an area or region falls **below** the war reserve **stockage** level. The reasons are twofold: (1) day-today allocations of individual fuel cargoes constitute a primary charter responsibility for **DFSC** and (2) the actual or anticipated drawdown of **DFSP** inventories **below** the established war **reserve** level, while certainly less than satisfactory, has varying degrees of significance for various products in various areas/regions.

C. SCOPE, This chapter applies to DoD petroleum using locations worldwide.

#### D. PROCEDURES

##### 1. Requests for JMPAB Action

a. Should occasions arise, as noted above, wherein a Military **Service** or command disagrees with the distribution plans/actions of **DFSC** in supply shortage situations, bilateral discussions with appropriate **DFSC** personnel must first take place. The object of such discussions is to attempt resolution of disagreements without having to resort to **JMPAB** adjudication.

b. If bilateral discussions fail to achieve **satisfactory** results, the Military Service or command may request deliberation and adjudication by **JMPAB**; requests must be made via message or memorandum to the Joint **Staff/J4**, with information copy to **DFSC-O**, and must include the following data:

(1) Product(s) in question.

(2) Area/region **affected**.

(3) Current inventory status to include: barrels on hand at all **DFSPS**, number of combat **DOS** provided by that **inventory**; **BPWRS** level, number of combat **DOS** provided by that level and, if **applicable**, projected consumption for the next 60 days.

(4) Resupply forecast provided by **DFSC**.

(5) Impact, if any, on operations.

(6) Other data, as appropriate, such as potential for host-nation support, replacement-in-kind or fuel exchange agreements, pending tanker receipt, etc.

c. When advised of the request for **JMPAB** action, DFSC-O shall provide Joint **Staff/J4** the present **inventory** for each region worldwide for the product being discussed, including intransit inventory. Such data, plus any comments deemed appropriate, must reach Joint **Staff/J4** within 48 hours.

## 2. **JMPAB** Action

a. Upon receipt of the request, the Secretary of the **JMPAB** Secretariat shall prepare a decision package for deliberation by the **JMPAB**. The package must address the following:

(1) The situation depicted by the incoming request.

(2) Comparison situations reflecting (for the product in question) worldwide status, and the status of other **Military Services** or **CINCs**.

(3) Advice and data provided by DFSC regarding long-range projections, possibilities of cargo diversions, and feasibility of stock redistribution.

(4) Impact statement(s) regarding possible cargo diversions and stock redistribution.

b. The Secretary of the **JMPAB** Secretariat shall ensure that the decision **package** includes all pertinent data, in particular, the operational impacts of the various options available.

c. The **JMPAB** Secretariat shall meet to develop a recommended position for inclusion in the decision package and will place the matter before **JMPAB**. Once concurrence is obtained, an implementing memorandum/message in the name of the CJCS shall be prepared and dispatched to the appropriate **Military Service(s)**, **CINC(s)**, DLA, and DFSC.

d. The DFSC Commander shall provide a technical adviser to the **JMPAB** Secretariat and a senior-level adviser to the **JMPAB** to assist in deliberations.

e. The memorandum or message which transmits **JMPAB** decisions will specify the duration of

the decision. Based on the circumstances of each case, the **memorandum/message** shall state whether the decision affects only specific stock redistribution actions or will apply to **all** DFSC distribution actions **until** a specific **inventory** level is achieved in the affected region/area.

f. For wartime, the same basic procedures as outlined above **will** be followed except that the communications, processing, and decision making processes will be streamlined. REPOL and Situation Reports established by the Joint Reporting System will be employed, as appropriate, to **identify** potential problems and to assist the **JMPAB**.

3. **DFSC Accelerated Action**. If the situation demands action before the administrative process is complete, the DFSC Commander shall so advise the **JMPAB** Secretariat and request the decision be expedited. Pending the issuance of a decision, DFSC, in coordination with the Joint **Staff**, shall proceed with the action it considers most prudent and keep the **JMPAB** Secretariat informed with respect to the actions being taken.